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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species requirements set forth in paragraphs one and two of the Office Action issued April 22, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect the species of non-elastic polymers as set forth in claim 5, wherein the first polymer of the first meltblown polymer component is a polyolefin and the second polymer of the first meltblown component is polyester.

Upon a determination that claim 5 represents a patentable species, Applicants request the Examiner to extend the search to additional species.

Respectfully submitted,

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